

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5847

As of February 10, 2009

Title: An act relating to the development of clean technology within port district properties.

Brief Description: Concerning the development of clean technology within port district properties.

Sponsors: Senators Kastama and Shin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Economic Development, Trade & Innovation: 2/11/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE & INNOVATION

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Background: In 1911 the Legislature authorized the Port District Act allowing citizens to create port districts. Port districts in Washington have a broad array of powers including the purchase and improvement of lands, the creation of industrial development districts, the construction and maintenance of water, rail, and air terminals, and the construction of and maintenance of facilities for processing goods or storing goods.

Summary of Bill: State retail sales and use taxes do not apply to the sales of material or labor for the construction of clean technology incubators within port district properties. Nor do the taxes apply to the sales of machinery or equipment used in the incubators for the development of clean technology.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 9, 2009.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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